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1. The uranium mines are located about 22 kilometers northeast of Sofia and about two kilometers northeast of the area extending from Buhovo to Seslavtsi, which is point 1295 on Goten mountain. This space is about 13 kilometers wide. The two most important uranium mines are at Buhovo and Seslavtsi.
2. The Buhovo mine consists of 15 tunnels and the Seslavtsi mine of 9 tunnels. There are 110 to 120 workers assigned to each tunnel. A number is assigned to each tunnel; the tunnels are about 300 to 400 meters in depth. They are equipped with a railroad line and electricity which is supplied from Sofia. When the tunnels reach a depth of 100 meters, they are divided into four separate compartments.
3. During an eight-hour shift, 12 to 13 small railroad cars of uranium ore are extracted from each tunnel. This is equivalent to 12 to 13 tons of uranium ore. It is reported that the value of each carload of uranium ore is eight million leva. Each worker mines daily about one cubic meter of uranium ore. The drills are operated by electricity and compressed air. These drills are brought from the Soviet Union.
4. Work is done in the tunnels by teams of reliable workers and Trudovak units. There are Soviet technicians in each tunnel who supervise the work.
5. Soldiers receive daily about 800 grams of bread, meat five times per week and 330 leva per month. Civilian workers receive 25,000 to 30,000 leva per month.
6. In Buhovo the ore is processed in hearths, and then packed and sent to Burgas. From Burgas the uranium ore is sent to the Soviet Union. Uranium ore is coffee colored, brilliant and very heavy.
7. The Buhovo and Seslavtsi areas are restricted zones. All the roads leading to these areas are patrolled by Militiamen.

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